

# want to be teachers

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Students have been avoiding to take admission in BEd classes since 1995 as out of 412 seats, one-third remain unfilled. As fresh degree holders remain jobless, few students would go for a B.Ed degree.



on the teachers and so the college administration launched the classes of MA Education with 60 seats with the permission of the Punjab University in 1998 to make full use of the academic staff.

The college has been holding the classes of MEd with 60 seats since 1989. Though this year the college has filled all the seats, yet it is being apprehended that the college will

fail to fill the seats following the government's last year decision of withdrawing three advance increments for the MEd degree holders.

The formation of the Education University in 2002 has also affected the BEd admissions in the college as the EU has started the BEd classes at all the elementary colleges of the Punjab. At present, there are 36 elementary

colleges and six education colleges in the Punjab. All of them come under the EU. Earlier, the education colleges were affiliated with the PU while the elementary colleges were under the Education Department.

Renowned educationists and scholars, including SM Sharif, BA Hashmi, MA Makhdoomi, Naam Dar Khan, Khawaja SA Haroon, Ashfaq Ali Khan and Muhammad Chawala, had been associated with the college as its principals. The college is proud that distinguished teachers had been associated with it. Ahmad Shah (Pitras) Bokhari, Maulana Zafar Iqbal, Sufi Ghulam Mustafa Tabassum, Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor, Sheikh Abdul Haq, Dr Saleem Farani, Dr Deen Muhammad Malik, Dr Fazal Muhammad Khan, Haji Fazal Ahmad, Aneesuddin Ansari and Shamshad Muhammad Lodhi are among such teachers. The renowned personalities, including Prof Abdul Qayyum, Dr Shaukat Ali Siddiqui, Agha Sher Muhammad Khamosh, Dr Wasiullah Khan, AD Azhar, Dr Mukhtar Ali Bhatti, Muhammad Sharif Toosi and Dr Rafiuddin, are former college students.

Assistant Professor Ch Maqsood Ahmad (1977 till present) said that with this state of affairs only average students are taking admissions in the BEd classes and they are doing hard work on the students to make them good and capable teachers. He said the students doing BEd from

the elementary colleges would not be so capable as the teachers who are teaching them and are supposed to train the secondary school teachers (SSTs). He suggests the government to give BEd training to such teachers so that they can train the BEd students effectively.

College Principal Dr Shujaat Khalid Mahmood said the government should take back its decision of withdrawing incentives, including the advance increments, forthwith to improve the education standard. He said the policy of discouraging the teachers through contract be reversed and better package be offered to them. He said the teacher educators should be sent abroad for improvement of human resources in the sector, otherwise all inputs in the sector are going to be wasted and no tangible improvement can be expected.

About the Education University, the college principal said it will improve the education standard if it is provided with funds timely. He said the government has allowed the college to launch the coeducation classes of BEd and they will start from April, 2003. He said they have increased the seats from 412 to 450 for the purpose. He said the coeducation classes will create the atmosphere of competition among boys and girls which will be good for them as it will not only force them to work hard but also raise the education standard.